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A PROPHESY.

Good Georgy of Brunſwick, Oh be be not ſo bold;
For Britain thy Kingdom is bought, and is ſold!
A *Stuart* to *Stuarts* moſt faithful will be:
And the black cunning *Tham*'s too cunning for thee!
Soon driven thro' him to thy Hanover's Shore
Thy obſtinate weakneſs there ſhalt thou deplore:
Like thy Anceſtor JAMES without hope of recall,
Betray'd by thy Friends, and deſerted by ALL!

QUALIFICATIONS requiſite for PRIME MINISTER in the preſent Reign; the vileſt that ever diſgraced the Annals of this Kingdom.

TO be all Submiſſion and Obedience to Lord Mansfield and Earl Bute, by whoſe Omnipotence all the Affairs of this great and extenſive Empire, are and have long been governed with the moſt abſolute Sway.

To be particularly *adroit* in the Art of corrupting and bribing both Houſes of Parliament, in order that every Point of Moment may be carried with a high Hand; to exerciſe the ſame laudable

laudable Talent in every Borough throughout the Kingdom; and whenever, through Inexperience and Want of Cunning, he finds himſelf at a Loſs, to take the Advice and farther Directions of the above two great Maſters in that noble Science.

To beſtow Places, Penſions, Rewards, Titles, and Honours, Eccleſiaſtical, Civil and Military (unlimited) on Men without any Degree of Merit, except their having been avowed Enemies to the Family on the Throne.

To yield the Appointment of all the Judges, the Commiſſion of the Great Seal, and even of the Lord High Chancellor, to Lord Mansfield's univerſal Power, *his own and his Family's diſtinguiſhed Loyalty*, and his inviolate Obſervance of the fundamental Laws of this Realm; whereby, the whole Law Department being under his abſolute Direction, we may ſoon be in a fair Way of enjoying our Lives, Liberties, and Properties, with the greateſt Security.

To pay no Attention, except in Caſes of Kindred, to filling up the Right Reverend Bench, as it muſt be the Duty of the Prime Miniſter to hold this Point in utter Contempt; that all Kinds of Vice, Immorality, and Infidelity, may flouriſh, the more eaſily to controul the Needy and Vicious of all Denominations.

N. B. Sir ROBERT WALPOLE filled theſe two Departments with the greateſt *Diſ*-Honour and *In*-Dignity to the Crown: as for Example.

Chancellors.	*Chiefs and other Judges.*	*Church.*
KING,	KING,	HOUGH,
TALBOT,	RAYMOND,	BOULTER,
HARDWICKE,	HARDWICKE,	GIBSON,
	LEE,	BENSON,
Rolls.	COMYNS,	HOADLEY,
JEKYLL,	BARKER,	POTTER,
VERNEY,	WILLS,	SHERLOCK,
FORTESCUE,	BURNET,	HARE,
STRANGE.	FOSTER.	HERRING.

To

To countenance, close under the Royal Palace and in Defiance of Law, excessive Gaming at Cards and Dice amongst the first Nobility and Gentry, to the utter Ruin of many great Families; thereby the better to secure their servile Dependance on the Court.

To establish yearly Lotteries, seldom practised by former Ministers but in Time of War, or on some extraordinary Occasion; to suffer at least *Twenty Lottery-Offices* where *One* used to be sufficient; whereby a Variety of Tricks are practised, in open Defiance of Law, to the manifest Injury and even Destruction of great Numbers of his Majesty's useful Subjects, such as laborious Mechanics, Servants, *&c.*

To suffer the *Stock-Jobbing Act* to continue Year after Year *unamended*, notwithstanding the fatal Consequences from so shameful a Neglect appear every Day more and more shocking; such as numberless Suicides, Bankruptcies, with the greatest Scenes of Distress which naturally follow; public Credit mortally wounded, Confidence between Individuals destroyed, and our Trade and Manufactures stagnated.

Quære, Whether the late Earl of GUILDFORD did not follow this infamous Practice of *Stock-Jobbing* in *'Change-Alley* almost every Day for many Years before his Death, and in so low and pitiful a Way, as a dirty *Jew* Broker would have been ashamed of?

To plead the strictest Oeconomy, when the public Treasure is apparently squandering for the most infamous Purposes.

To shew less Regard to the Navy, our natural Bulwark, and the Nation's favourite Service, than to the Army, which, if not timely checked, may one Day or other be made use of for enslaving this *Free People, as they were formerly styled.*

To suffer the Flower of our *East-India* Trade to be uninterruptedly undetermined by Thousands of Smugglers; the Exchequer at the same Time being robbed of immese Sums, which would otherwise flow therein, from *Tea principally* and other Articles charged with the highest Duties.

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To be an inanimate Spectator of ſuch diſgraceful and daring Abuſes and Outrages: to wink at the Revenue-Officers and Military (employed for preventing them) receiving Bribes, in Imitation of their Betters, for facilitating Practices ſo injurious to fair Trade; to harangue upon the Inſufficiency of our Finances, *in Triflcs*, where Liberality and Juſtice claim the faireſt Title; and whilſt *Hundreds of Thouſands of Pounds* are annnally loſt to the State by ſuch criminal Neglects.

To take no Step whatſoever towards leſſening or ſuppreſſing thoſe numerous *Gangs* of *Banditti*, frequently conſiſting from 30 to 50, well mounted, well armed, and fully laden, who never before ſuch *happy Times* dared *thns accoutred* to parade into the very Heart of the Capital.

To ſcreen Men from Juſtice who have plundered the MOGUL's harmleſs Subjects of Millions, and cauſed the ſhedding Rivers of their Blood to ſatiate their unbounded Avarice; whoſe immenſe and ill-acquired Wealth, ſo far from being puniſhed, procure them Honours and Dignities, Seats in Parliament for themſelves and Friends at any Expence, raiſe the Prices of Lands beyond their natural Value, and gain them the Reſpect and Protection of thoſe who ought to be the foremoſt in ſtamping a Mark of Infamy, ſo juſtly due to their thus proſtituting our national Honour.

To vindicate the Commitment of the moſt unprovoked and unjuſtifiable Barbarities upon a Colony of unoffending *Savages*, Subjects to the Sovereign, with the apparent Deſign of giving the fruitful Lands they poſſeſs to the rapacious Scotch:-----As in a Caſe ſimilar to that of *St. Vincent's*.

To vindicate employing the Military in maſſacring ſix or ſeven, and wounding as many more, of his Majeſty's innocent and unarmed Subjects, under the Pretence of quelling a tumultuous Mob; to ſcreen the Perpetrators thereof from Juſtice, and even to glory in the Deed, by *Thanks* to the Aſſaſſins:-----As in a Caſe ſimilar to that in *St. George's Fields*.

To vindicate the Pardon of two notorious Murderers, convicted by the Laws of their Country; and after their Conviction, in order

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to give a colourable Sanction to ſo unexampled a Pardon, to unprecedently eſtabliſh a Jury of *ten unſworn Surgeons* to reverſe ſo ſolemn a Verdict:-----As in a Caſe ſimilar to that of *Balfe* and *M'Quirk*, the *Brentford* Ruffians.

To vindicate the Pardon of two other notorious convicted Murderers (upon the Back of the former) at the infamous Sollicitation of ſeveral of the *Noble* Gallants to the Siſter of ſuch Convicts:-----As in a Caſe ſimilar to that of the two *Kennedys*.

To countenance the Pardon of a convicted and moſt abandoned Sodomite:------As in a Caſe ſimilar to that of *Robert Jones*.

To truſt for the Cure againſt the exorbitant Price of Proviſions to mere Chance, by evading all Enquiries into the original Cauſe, from whence alone a Remedy to ſo dreadful a Calamity is to be found; to be deaf to the Lamentations of the ſtarving Manufacturers, and to conſider their Emigration into foreign Countries and our Colonies, as a Matter of no ſort of Conſequence to the Strength and Wealth of a commercial People.

To permit, out of downright Supineneſs, a Diſtrict within the Bills of Mortality, conſiſting of 70 to 80,000 Souls, to continue for many ſucceſſive Years with ſcarce a Magiſtrate or Conſtable to preſerve the Peace:-----As in the Caſe of *Spital-Fields*.

To perſevere in the ſame Inattention with reſpect to the innumerable, illegal, and wicked Places of public Entertainment, although the moſt ſalutary Laws ſubſiſt for reſtraining them, as if it was the Intereſt of a Prime Miniſter, and the Glory of his Sovereign, to encourage the moſt extravagant Diſſipation and Licentiouſneſs; the Magiſtrates by ſuch Example being *lulled aſleep*, where GAIN is not the Object.

To give a more ſhining Luſtre to his Accompliſhments, let him, when the People are compleatly oppreſſed, ſcrew out of their Vitals ſome *Hundred Thouſands of Pounds* without Account, to ſupply the Deficiency of the *Civil Liſt*, ſquandered in uſeleſs Places and Penſions, in bribing the Subject with the very Money levied upon them.

NOW

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BRITONS STRIKE HOME!

No POPERY,

No SLAVERY, No FOREIGN TROOPS,

No EXPORTING CATTLE, No STARVING,

No SCOTCH MINISTRY,

No BRIBED PARLIAMENT,

No PLACEMEN, No PENSIONERS;

But LIBERTY, LAW, and CONSTITUTION,

BRITONS Revenge your Wrongs.

N. B. CASCA's ſpirited Letter againſt the jeſuitical *Weſley*, and the penſioned *Johnſon* is received, and ſhall be made the Subject of our next Number.

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